Fair Doctrine?

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Julian Goodman, president of the National Broadcasting Co., urged yesterday that the Fairness Doctrine be eliminated as a government standard in the presentation of broadcast news.

In a prepared speech at the "Great Issues Forum" at the University of Southern California, Goodman said of the doctrine. "The wall that should always stand between government and journalism has been breached. As a result we have regulated broadcast news, government-controlled broadcast information."

Noting that fairness, the presentation of significant contrasting views on controversial issues, is a proper journalistic standard, Goodman added:

"But when it becomes a government standard, it moves government officials into newsrooms and seats them as judges of how broadcast news and information should be presented."